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**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION IN A WTO MEMBER COUNTRY TO  
OVERCOME A CITED PATENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, the signer of the present declaration, hereby declare as follows:

1. That I am the sole inventor of the present application.
2. That I am presenting this declaration supplemental to my Declaration filed

November 16, 2005, to establish completion of the invention of the present application in the United States, at a date prior to November 6, 1998, that is the effective date of the prior art, United States Patent 6,614,477 to Lee et al. that was cited by the Examiner in the Official Action dated June 16, 2005, in the above-identified application.

3. That in order to establish the date of invention of this application prior to November 6, 1998, I previously submitted as evidence four pages of the invention description, in Japanese, that was prepared at least as early as November 5, 1998, together with a partial translation thereof.

4. That I reviewed a copy of the specification and the claims and invented the invention recited in the claims of the present application and provided the above Japanese Exhibit to my company's Patent Department at least as early as November 5, 1998, (prior to effective date of Lee et al.). That between at least November 5, 1998 and November 18, 1998, I

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was reviewing and executing the application, and, as such, there has been diligence during the critical thirteen days. Additional evidence of diligence is attached hereto as follows:

- (a) Exhibit A: One page correspondence dated October 8, 1998 to counsel forwarding additional disclosure information; and
- (b) Exhibit B: One page correspondence dated October 23, 1998 from counsel forwarding the draft application me for review.

As can be seen from the attached documents, my attorney prepared a draft patent application and forwarded me the application on October 23, 1998. Between at least November 5, 1998, and November 18, 1998, I reviewed the draft application for completeness and accuracy and authorized its filing. On the day I authorized the filing, the application was filed in the Japanese Patent Office.

As such, the invention in this application was made at least by November 5, 1998, which is a date earlier than the effective date of the Lee et al. reference and there was diligence from just prior to the effective date of Lee et al., namely November 6, 1998, through the filing date of the priority application, namely November 18, 1998.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true or believed to be true; that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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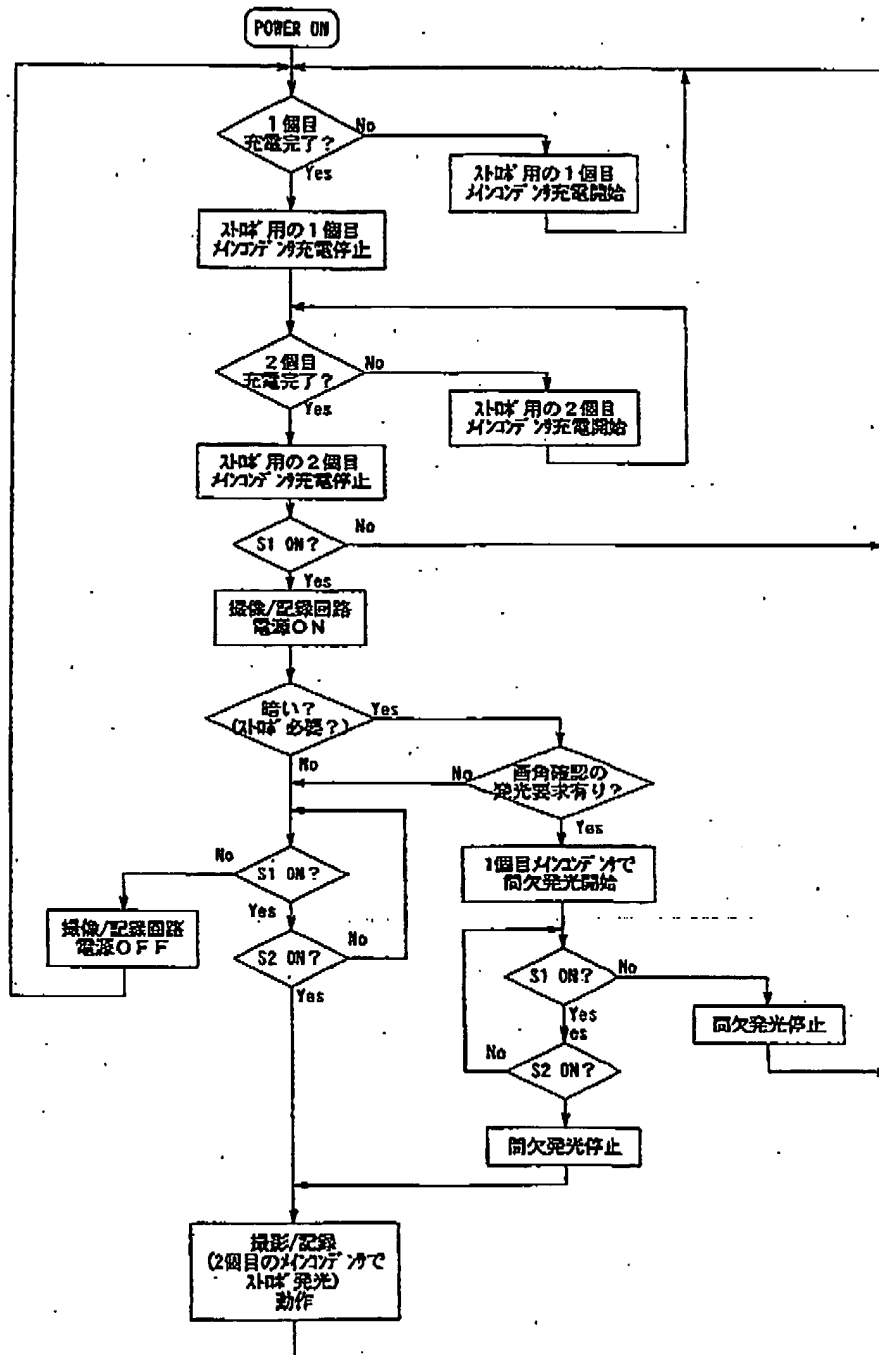
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